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1. [redacted] Korbso had received orders to build 12 [redacted] large sea barges. Later, Korbso received orders to reconstruct the barges in such a manner that motors could be installed in them. This reconstruction delayed and complicated the completion of the barges and increased the cost of the barges which were being constructed or which had been completed. 25X1
2. Skilled personnel at Korbso completely dismantled the USSR motors before installing them, since they knew from experience that they could not trust the Soviet mechanics. This procedure delayed production. 25X1
3. Finally, Korbso received orders to install corrugated sheet lead covers for the barges. [redacted] barges with such installations are used for transporting heavy freight and ammunition. 25X1
4. In order to complete the construction of the barges in a short time, the employees of Korbso worked during the nights in the spring of 1952. Most of the night work was used to shape the sheet lead covers with steam hammers. 25X1

Soviet Type Dredge in Operation

5. In the beginning of May 1953, a dredge, 50 centimeters in diameter and 300 meters long, was operating in the canal between Stalin Lake and the bay. 25X1
6. This Soviet type dredge threw large quantities of sand on the southern side of the canal, west of Asparukhovo Bridge. [redacted] this dredge was operating on the east side of the bridge. [redacted] that this dredge would be used for enlarging the large dry dock [redacted] 25X1

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